say that you are giving one and a half per cent on incremental deposit of the earlier year. But, the inflation rate is 13 per cent. So, there is not at all any increment as far as the deposits are concerned. Instead of Rs. 60,000 crores, it is only Rs. 65,000 crores. And only on Rs. 5,000 crores they have got this money. And now, because of mutual funds, deposits are not coming to the banks. People are depositing in the mutual funds. As such, the incremental deposit is going to come down. So, I would like to know from the Government whether they are going to increase this percentage of 1.5 per cent to 3 per cent so that there will be enough funds for the purpose of housing. The Finance Minister is sitting here. I would like to know whether he is going to give more resources for the purpose of housing or not.

श्री दलबीर सिंह : सर, जहां तक योजनाओं का संबंध है, अच्छे के लिए सोचा जाता है । हमने तो सोचा था कि इसमें ज्यादा पैसा आएगा ताकि हाऊसिंग सैक्टर पर हम ज्यादा पैसा दे सकेंगे खासकर अर्बन स्लम्स के लिए और खासकर गरीब लोगों के मकान के लिए और जहां तक माननीय सदस्य का जो प्रश्न है, इसका जो इंक्रीमेंटल है । 1.5 परसेंट, इसके बारे में उन्होंने जो सजेशन दिया है, उस पर भी हम विचार करेंगे और उसके साथ-साथ मैंने बतलाया है कि सन् 1987 से लगातार हम हाऊसिंग सैक्टर के लिए वृद्धि कर रहे हैं और पैसा काफी तादाद में मिला है और इतना ही नहीं राष्ट्रीय आवास बैंक में खुद हौम लोन एकाउंटस 1989 से खोले गए हैं । इसमें देश के लगभग 5 लाख से ऊपर खाताधारी हैं और 107 करोड़ रुपए इसमें आए हैं और यदि कोई इंडिविज्युल अपना मकान बनाने के लिए कर्ज लेना चाहेगा तो पांच गुना उसमें से पैसा ले सकता है और मकान का निर्माण कर सकता है ।

श्री विट्ठलभाई पटेल : सभापति जी, आज से 4-5 साल पहले जब एडवर्ड फलेरो फाइनेंस मिनिस्टर थे तो उन्होंने इस हाऊस में कहा था कि व्यक्तिगत नागरिक को मकान बनाने के लिए या मकान खरीदने के लिए बैंक लोन देगी लेकिन जब बैंक के अफसरों के पास जाते हैं तो वे कहते हैं कि हमारे पास ऐसा कोई रिजर्व बैंक का आदेश नहीं है । मैं वित्त मंत्री जी से जानना चाहूंगा कि इसके बारे में व्यक्तिगत नागरिकों को अगर मकान बनाने के लिए या मकान खरीदने के लिए आदेश नहीं दिए हों तो दे देंगे और क्या करना चाहते हैं व्यक्तिगत नागरिक के लिए ?

श्री दलबीर सिंह : मैंने पहले भी उत्तर में बताया है कि जहां तक इंक्रिमेंटल डिपाजिट का सवाल है, उसमें से कोई इग्नोर नहीं कर सकता और जैसा मैंने बतलाया कि राष्ट्रीय आवास बैंक में खुद इंडिविज्युल्स के लिए एकाउंट्स हैं और उसमें वे खुद राशि जमा करते हैं और उसका पांच गुना वे प्राप्त कर सकते हैं । तो ऐसा कुछ नहीं है कि बैंक उनको इग्नोर करता है ।

*105. [*The questioner* (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI) *was absent. For answer, vide Col. .... infra.*]

Surplus Stock of Rice and its Export to Cuba

*106. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :†
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have, presently, adequate surplus stock of rice to enable it to export to Cubo as requested by them ; and

(b) what is the rough estimate of rice production and internal consumption ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The Government have stocks of rice which are considered adequate to meet the reasonable requirements of the Public Distribution System (PDS). In so far as export of rice to Cuba is concerned, the matter is under consideration of the Government.

*[The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Kapil Verma].

(b) During 1991-92 rice production is estimated to be in the range of 74.2 to 74.7 million tonnes. Internal consumption of rice for the comparative period was of the order of 72 to 73 million tonnes.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA : The reply given by the hon. Minister shows that we are almost self-sufficient in rice and we have adequate stocks for the PDS, and also that our production is enough to meet our internal requirements. Now, Cuba is facing a lot of difficulties in meeting the requirements in various parts of the country, and they requested that we should do something for them. I want to know from the hon. Minister, by what time will the Government be able to take a final decision on Cuban request, and what is the difficulty in meeting their demand immediately, and also what is the proposal under the consideration of the Government and how much they are considering to send to Cuba ?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : When the Cuban delegation was here, they asked for five lakh tonnes of wheat and one lakh tonnes of rice. We explained to them our difficulty in supplying wheat but we said that we will consider giving them some rice. Sir, earlier I had announced that the Government are considering supply of ten thousand tonnes of rice and after a further review, another ten thousand tonnes of rice. At the moment, we are considering giving them ten thousand tonnes of rice. We are very close to taking a decision and I expect a decision to be taken in the next few days.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA : There are reports that the U.S.A. is pressurising India not to give rice supply to Cuba, and they are linking our request for import of wheat from America with the proposed supply of rice to Cuba, and they do not want us to send this rice to Cuba. I want to know whether these reports are correct, and whether they are really talking to us directly or indirectly about it and whether they have made any suggestions, and if so, what has been our response, and whether the Government have told them clearly that we will not allow this to be linked up.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Sir, whatever was the suggestion made, directly or indirectly, we have categorically told the United States that we will not be influenced by any extraneous considerations in the matter of supply of rice to Cuba. That is the position of the Government. We will take a final decision keeping in mind our long-standing good relations with Cuba.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri Ashok Nath Verma. He is not here. Shri Sukomal Sen.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : From the reply of the hon. Minister, it appears that there was some pressure from the United States. Now, I would like to know from the hon. Minister—my question is very simple—what pressure was put by the United States. When we wanted to import wheat from the U.S.A., perhaps, they said that they would not subsidise the wheat to be exported to India. Is it correct ? That is why I would like to know, what pressure was put on India. I would also like to know what you have done in regard to importing wheat from the U.S.A. at subsidised rates.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Sir, pressure is when one feels any pressure. We do not feel any pressure. As a matter of fact, when we went to the U.S.A. to explore the possibility of importing wheat, the U.S. Agriculture Secretary, in his testimony to the Congress, did mention the proposed supply of foodgrains by India to Cuba as one of the reasons why they would not be able to extend subsidy to the U.S. farmers for exporting wheat. But in their formal communication, they have only mentioned that India was not a traditional buyer of wheat. They did not mention the proposed supply of foodgrains by India to Cuba. As far as we are concerned, we accept neither of these suggestions or conditions. We will take a decision about giving rice to Cuba keeping in mind our long-standing good and friendly relations with Cuba.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : Mr. Chairman, Sir, Mr. Malaviya and myself had addressed a question to the Ministry of External Affairs yesterday, on the same subject. I have here the reply of the Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs. He says here very clearly that for the reason that the Cubans wanted 365 days credit for the proposed sale, the Government of India suggested that the Cuban side could offer a barter, could offer some other commodity, in exchange for this rice. Because the Cuban authorities were not in a position to make such an offer,—I will read out the line—you say "Under the circumstances, it was not possible to finalise any deal with the representatives of the Cuban Government at that point of time." What I would like to point out to the hon. Minister is, what he said just now is totally at variance with what was replied to in the House only yesterday. Therefore, the question is, have the Cubans made a fresh offer in terms of credit, or, in terms of barter ? What is the proposal now which the Ministry of Commerce is considering, or, the Government of India is considering ? Or, is the deal completely closed ? This is what I would like to know.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : What made the Government to 'consider' it ?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Sir, it is not a variance. The answer given by the Ministry of External Affairs, as I could gather from what was read out just now, was in regard to the position that obtained in December, 1991. The Cubans expressed their inability ....

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : I have read out the reply of 4th May, i.e. only yesterday.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : I have understood. What you read out was the position at that time, in December, 1991 position changed now ?

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : Has the position changed now ?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Let me answer. I have understood your question.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Let him have his say.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Sir, when the Cuban side came in December, 1991, they expressed their inability to pay for the wheat or rice either on cash basis, or by way of supply of other commodities from Cuba, on a barter basis. They wanted credit of 360 days. Therefore, at that time those who negotiated with the Cubans said 'We have to consider this; we would no be able to give any positive answer now.'

Subsequently, on the 9th March, 1992—I believe, the Rajya Sabha was not in Session—I made a statement in the Lok Sabha where I clearly set out all the facts that I am now saying. This covers that part of the answer also. I said 'As far as the supply of rice is concerned, we are now considering the supply of 10,000 tonnes in the near future, after we have made a review of our ability to give credi and another 10,000 tonnes of rice after we have made a review of the prospects of the next kharif season.' We have reviewed our ability to grant credit and therefore, as I have said, we are close to taking a decision about supplying rice to Cuba. I will take a decision in the nex few days and inform you.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : I move a privilege motion against the Minister for External Affairs because he has misled me on 4th of May by giving me this reply Why did he not take into account what the Commerce Minister has said now ?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : The External Affairs Minister could have taken cognizance of the reply given by the Minister of Commerce in the Lok Sabha on 8th March.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : You have no coordination.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : What is this happening ? Only yesterday I have got this reply.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : There is no contradiction. If one wants to read a contradiction, one can read a contradiction

but if one reads events sequentially and harmonises them, that can be done.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Development of Non-Conventional Energy Sources in M.P.

*105. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have prepared any action plan for the development of non-conventional energy sources in the State of Madhya Pradesh ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what is the number of non-conventional energy projects which have so far been launched in Madhya Pradesh together with the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) Government is implementing nation-wide programmes on non-conventional energy sources including in the State of Madhya Pradesh. It is proposed to continue with the implementation of various porgrammes during the year 1992-93 and the 8th Five Year Plan (1992—97). The State Government of Madhya Pradesh have proposed an outlay of Rs. 4.22 crores for the Annual Plan (1992-93) and Rs. 20.77 crores for the 8th Five Year Plan (1992—97). Installation of non-conventional energy systems and devices proposed to be taken up by the State of Madhya Pradesh during the year 1992-93 is given in the Statement-I.

(c) Status of implementation of non-conventional energy systems and devices in the State of Madhya Pradesh is given in Statement-II.

Statement—I

Installation of non-conventional energy systems & devices proposed to be taken up by the State of Madhya Pradesh during the year 1992-93

S. No.	Systems/Devices	Proposed physical targets
1.	Family type biogas plant	3,300 Nos.
2.	Improved Chulha	1.40 lakh
3.	Solar Water heating Systems (Litres per day)	1.25 lakh
4.	Solar Cookers	12,000 Nos.
5.	Solar photovoltaic street lights	50 Nos.
6	Kuteer Deep (portable solar photovoltaic lamp)	700 Nos.
7.	Photovoltaic power unit	1 No. 6 (KWp)
8.	Wind pumps	25 Nos.
9.	Urjagram	20 Villages
10.	Integrated Rural Energy Programme	8 Blocks